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TROUBLE FOR BIG ZINC PLANT

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR LANYON ZINC COMPANY OF IOLA, KANSAS.

LARGEST WORKS IN WORLD

CORPORATION CONTROLLED 40 PER CENT OF OUTPUT OF WORLD.

PRICES FOR ORE TOO HIGH

DEFAULTED INTEREST ON COMPANY'S BONDS AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$500,000.

Iola, Kan., April 17.—Upon application of Alton B. Parker, acting on behalf of the Trust Company of America, J. O. Rogers was today appointed receiver for the Lanyon Zinc company, one of the largest smelting works in the world.

Rogers is president of the Lanyon company. The petitioners declared there is still outstanding \$1,733,000 in the company's bonds, in which there is defaulted interest to the amount of \$483,000. The Lanyon company controls over 40 per cent of the zinc output of the world.

Colorado Unaffected.

Pueblo, April 17.—F. B. Rhodes, superintendent of the zinc smelter of the American Smelting and Refining company, said something of the nature of this embarrassment had been expected of the Lanyon company because of the excessive prices they had been paying for ore. He said he did not think the failure would work injury to the zinc industry in this state, but rather believed it would clarify the atmosphere. He doubted whether the Lanyon company controlled 40 per cent of the zinc output of the world.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE IN MASSACRE

Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey April 17.—Christians on the Pals coast have been attacked by Mussulmen. Two Christian villages have been burned over and the Lazarist mission is in danger.

Several Hundred Slain.

Constantinople, April 17.—No confirmation has been received of the killing of the two American missionaries at Adana. The latest intelligence sets forth that several hundred Armenians and Moslems were killed in rioting and that the Armenian quarter was burned.

FIND BECKMAN GUILTY OF REVOLTING CRIME

John Beckman, who was arraigned before Justice Bryant, at Roy, on the charge of having committed a criminal assault on Bessie Morris, was found guilty, and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, which will convene a week from Monday. The defendant was represented by Judge Moore of Tucumcari while District Attorney C. W. G. Ward appeared for the territory.

The crime was a particularly revolting one. The victim, Bessie Morris, although twenty-five years of age, has the mind of but a six year child. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Morris of Solano. Her mental development ceased at the age of six years on account of illness and since then she has never been able to read, write or learn her A. B. C's.

Beckman, who is about forty years of age, was employed on the Morris ranch. Mrs. Morris was accustomed to going to an adjoining place, where she remained about three-fourths of

an hour each evening, while she milked the cows and fed the chickens. During this time she left the helpless woman with Beckman while she was gone and it was then that he took advantage of her childish mind. Beckman left their employ and it was not until it was found that the imbecile girl was with child that he was suspected. The young woman told her mother all about it and also testified on the stand and made an excellent witness in spite of her infirmity. There is a great deal of indignation in the neighborhood.

Held up in Daylight.

San Francisco, April 17.—James M. Thompson, vice president of the Thompson Bridge company, on entering his office today with a bag containing \$3,500, found the bookkeeper tied in a chair. Turning his head he was confronted by two masked men. One shot him through the chest inflicting a serious wound. Grabbing the sack the men dashed for a buggy, which one entered with the sack, while the other escaped. The fleeing man was chased in automobiles and captured.

Victims Number Twenty-Two.

Torreon, Mex., April 17.—News from Velardena, where the riots of Saturday occurred, tells of the further execution of rioters, making 22 now punished by death. Many rioters fled to the mountains with soldiers in pursuit. An American store was sacked and the manager says he will apply to the American government for an indemnity.

PATTEN POOL CLEANS UP FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Chicago, April 17.—The "Patten pool" has cleaned up between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 on the May wheat deal, says the Tribune in a news article, and James A. Patten has pocketed fully two-thirds. Market experts estimate that the broker and his associates have sold to the public twenty million bushels of wheat at an average profit of twenty cents, giving a profit of four millions, besides the profit on July wheat to say nothing of September and December options which he has scalped in market for a profit of from 2 to 5 cents, making total winnings not under five millions.

Indulged in Freedom of Speech.

Columbus, O., April 17.—"Mother" Jones, the labor agitator, is here to address the socialists this evening, after which she will go to Auburn, N. Y. She says she has collected four thousand dollars to be devoted to the release of four Mexicans, now held in jail in Arizona. She says the men are languishing in jail for "freedom of speech."

LARGE TRACT OF ORTIZ GRANT SOLD AT AUCTION

Francisco Delgado, of Santa Fe, in his capacity as trustee, this morning at the east door of the court house in Las Vegas sold an interest in the Antonio Ortiz grant to L. C. Nelson of St. Louis for the sum of \$30,668.

At the beginning of the sale there was spirited bidding for the land. A. A. Jones opened the ball with a bid of \$25,000; W. E. Gortner followed with an offer of \$26,000. There was scarcely a second's pause when Harry W. Kelly thought he could afford to give \$27,000 for the interest in the grant. However, A. A. Jones raised him a thousand dollars, W. E. Gortner then went him one better and at this juncture in the big sale a representative of Mr. Nelson knocked the permission with his bid of \$30,668.

Daring Attempt at Robbery.

Seattle, April 17.—A daring but unsuccessful attempt to hold up the American Savings Bank and Trust company, was made this morning by an unidentified man. The man pointed a revolver at the head of the paying teller and ordered him to pass over the money. The teller ducked and escaped, and the robber repeated the command to the secretary and fired at the same time. In the confusion he made his escape.

TAFT PLANS NOTABLE TOUR FOR MISS GRANT

TRIP WEST WILL BE TAKEN IF CONGRESS MAKES TRAVELING APPROPRIATION.

WILL INSPECT SUMMER HOME

INTENDS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR MASSACHUSETTS ON FIRST OF JUNE.

URGED TO VISIT SOUTHLAND

PRESIDENT WANTS TO SEE DENVER, SALT LAKE, SPOKANE, AND ALASKA.

Washington, April 17.—President Taft, who believes the chief magistrate should keep in touch with the people, will make a notable tour of the country this summer, if congress continues the traveling appropriation of \$25,000 made during the closing years of the Roosevelt administration. The president will go to his summer home at Woodbury Point on June 1 and will probably watch the maneuvers of the reassembled fleet of sixteen battleships. The cost of the trip the president proposes to take west will probably reach \$17,000 and will include a sailing trip to Alaska. He will probably visit the annual encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake, the Trans-Mississippi conference at Denver and the National Irrigation congress at Spokane and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. Southern senators and congressmen are anxious to have President Taft visit their section and he may include the south in his itinerary.

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY PLANS EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

C. K. Durbin of Denver, secretary of the Albuquerque Gas, Electric Light and Power company, and associated with the public electric utilities of the Queen City, and E. C. Butler, manager of the plant of Albuquerque, are in Las Vegas making plans for a complete overhauling of the local power house, both being identified with the company which now owns the plant.

Both are most affable gentlemen, and they feel certain that within a few months Las Vegas will have as fine a plant and as excellent service as any city in the southwest.

Mr. Butler will assume the management of the local plant, but at the same time he will supervise the Albuquerque system. He intends to leave here tonight for the Duke city to move his family to Las Vegas and

ROUTE OF GREAT ENDURANCE RACE LIES THROUGH VEGAS

Las Vegas, N. M., will unquestionably be on the direct route of the Flag to Flag endurance run for the Wahlgreen trophy which will be held from Denver to the City of Mexico this fall, starting immediately after the close of the rainy season in Mexico. The object of the run is to demonstrate to the world, the dependability of American-made automobiles for the roads of the Great Southwest and Mexico. The pathfinding car, a

SMUGGLED GOODS FROM FRANCE ARRIVED IN TRUNKS MARKED WITH HER NAME.

ENTIRELY INNOCENT OF PLOT

NAME WAS PROBABLY OBTAINED FROM PASSENGER LIST BY CRIMINALS.

VALUED AT THIRTY THOUSAND

THERE WILL BE NO COMPROMISE BUT GOODS WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

San Francisco, April 17.—Miss Nellie Grant, granddaughter of Ulysses S. Grant, and her aunt, Mrs. John E. Mason, disclaim any knowledge of a plot now being investigated by the New York custom officers, to smuggle \$30,000 worth of French gowns into the country. Miss Grant was asked if she had trunks delayed at the custom house and upon negative reply, the trunks addressed to her were opened. Gowns were discovered. Miss Grant thinks her name was obtained from the passenger list by the smugglers and that the gowns were shipped in the hope that a confederate would call for them.

No Compromise.

New York, April 17.—An offer to pay \$50,000 to the United States government to settle the smuggling cases, now being investigated, has been made to Collector Loeb of the port of New York, but the offer was refused. Loeb said there would be no compromise with the smugglers. It is announced that the goods will be sold at auction. Besides using the name of Miss Nellie Grant, it is said names of other women over the country have been used by smugglers.

by this route will be a little over 2,000 miles. The trophy is offered by G. A. Wahlgreen of Denver, publisher of Motor Field. Individual motorists and clubs along the route are especially requested to render the pathfinding party all possible courtesies and to send such information and photographs to the tour headquarters at 1748 Stout street, Denver, Colo., as may be used in mapping out and advertising the section of the country through which the moving caravan will pass.

Cattle Sanitary Matters.

As announced in The Optic last evening, the personnel of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary board is now as follows: Charles L. Ballard, of Roswell, president; E. Godwin-Austen, secretary; Wm. C. McDonald, Carrizozo, W. H. Jack, Silver City, Filiberto Gallegos, Gallegos, Union county; Cole Ralston, Magdalena; W. J. Linwood, Raton, members.

At the concluding sessions of the board in this city yesterday, Chas. L. Ballard and Wm. C. McDonald were designated as a special committee to take care of the question of glanders.

A committee consisting of Chas. L. Ballard, W. H. Jack and Secretary E. G. Austen was named to select suitable quarters in Albuquerque, the board having decided to remove the headquarters office to that city. It is more easy of access for members and is more centrally located.

WOMAN TO ASSIST IN DEFENDING MURDERER

Jackson, Ky., April 17.—When the trial for the second time of Beach Hargis on the charge of murdering his father, Judge James Hargis, is called Monday at Erlvine, Ky., one of the thirteen lawyers for the defense will be a woman. She is Mrs. William A. Young, whose husband, also a lawyer, obtained the acquittal of Eugene Gardner for killing a negro at San Francisco. The defense will be directed by Senator W. O. Bradley. Hargis has \$40,000 for his defense. This includes all his mother's part of the estate left her by the parent he killed.

To Welcome Japanese Ships.

San Francisco, April 17.—Rear Admiral Swinburne in command of the Pacific fleet, arrived this morning and will remain at this port with the battleship West Virginia and cruiser Pennsylvania, to welcome the warships Aso and Soya of the Japanese fleet, to arrive April 25.

Shoots Himself in Consulate.

Paris, April 17.—John Bainbridge, special agent of the United States treasury department, attached to the consulate here, committed suicide by shooting today. It is believed he was insane.

ORGANIZE CASTLE OF ROYAL HIGHLANDERS

The Royal Highlanders organized a castle here last night and installed the following officers:

C. D. Anderson, P. I. F.; C. W. McAllister, I. P.; Mrs. Mary E. Floyd, C. C.; F. D. Fries, W. E.; C. McClellan, sec. and treas.; De Soto H. Grant, guide; Mrs. Nora E. McAllister, herald; E. L. Hammond, 1st W. C.; Mrs. J. L. Tooker, 2d W. C.; Miss Adella A. Vigus, C. of A.; Harry R. Witten, C. of S.; W. A. Dillon, warden; Miss Ellen R. Floyd, sentry; De Soto H. Grant, Mrs. Julia S. Dillon and J. L. Tooker, managers. Dr. Jno D. Hess, physical examiner. This stronghold now has a membership of 43. After the officers were installed a fine banquet was served and many of those present responded to toasts. The lodge was organized by Deputy F. E. Dearth, who will remain here several weeks. He makes his home at 722 Fifth street.

NOTICE.

Something good for the Eagles and families, Tuesday, April 20, the brothers of Aerie No. 1346 are invited to a banquet at the lodge room, Fraternal Brotherhood hall. All visiting brothers invited.

VINCENT TRUDER,
GUS LEHMANN,
Committee.

MAKES REPLY TO WHEAT KING

SECRETARY WILSON OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCORES CRITIC.

PATTEN OBJECT OF WRATH

LATTER SAYS THAT GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS OVER-ESTIMATE CONDITIONS.

PRICE NOT DUE TO SCARCITY

SUFFICIENT GRAIN IN AMERICA TO MAKE BREAD UNTIL THE NEW CROP.

Washington, April 17.—"If we seek an honest class of community, and hesitate to take the words of the American farmers, we will not establish the truth by going to the gamblers." This declaration was made by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture today, in an answer to the criticism of James A. Patten of Chicago, the "wheat king," who said the government crop report over-estimates conditions.

"There is sufficient wheat in the country at normal prices, to make bread for America up to the time when the new crop comes in and those who attempt to keep the prices up at the present rates, expect to get their money out of the common people."

The reporters of the department of agriculture are farmers living on the farms and know if anybody knows. A large majority of the wheat has left the hands of the farmers and a fictitious price has been created. The farmers are not beneficiaries and will naturally plant wheat and next year's crop will be abnormally large, when the gamblers will not be in the market and mischief will be done by the disturbance of the crop reason.

To show that the scarcity of wheat is not the cause for the abnormal price, Secretary Wilson showed that in 1908, the wheat crop was 665,000,000 against 624,000,000 for 1907.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABANDONS SIX CASES

Washington, April 17.—United States District Attorney Baker today abandoned six cases, growing out of the sweeping postoffice department investigation in 1903. Among the cases dismissed because of lack of evidence are the indictments against August W. Machen, who was general superintendent of free delivery; Thomas W. McGregor, one of his assistants; Maurice Runkle, accused of conspiracy in connection with mail bag contracts; George H. Huntington and Isaac McKelhan, involving contracts for package boxes.

McPHERSON DEALS BLOW TO MISSOURI

Kansas City, April 17.—Judge Smith McPherson, in an amended decree, handed down in the United States court here today, reserved exclusive jurisdiction in the Missouri rate cases and in effect, instructed the state courts to keep out of the cases. The decree will dissolve the injunction pending in the state court, started by state officials against eighteen railways to enjoin them from putting in effect a 3-cent rate.

There will be revival services at the Baptist church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Evangelist T. Jos. Talley. These services will be the last of the series of meetings now in progress. Everybody invited to hear Rev. Talley's final messages to the people of Las Vegas.